

Notice of Allowability

Application No.	Applicant(s)
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Examiner	Art Unit
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to Supplemental Appeal Brief filed on February 25, 2003.

2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-11.

3. The drawings filed on 05 March 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.

4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some* c) None of the:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

5. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

(a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

6. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

7. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

8. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
1) hereto or 2) to Paper No. _____.

(b) including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed _____, which has been approved by the Examiner.

(c) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the margin according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

9. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1 Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2 Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3 Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No. _____

4 Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

5 Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6 Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. _____

7 Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8 Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9 Other

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-11 are allowed.

Takiguchi clearly teaches the construction of a noise suppression system for a permanent-magnet motor, in which the motor includes supply brushes connected to an external power supply by leads, which are associated with inductors.

Lau et al. teach the construction of a rotor of an electric motor wherein:

each of the brushes is separately connected to a star point and to the terminal portion of the commutator segment by at least one noise suppression;
a shaft rotatable relative to a casing having an output;
a plurality of capacitors with at least one of said capacitors separately connecting each of said brushes to said casing;
said casing being grounded via connection to a vehicle function device; and
each of said brushes is connected to said power supply with a supply lead forming a plurality of noise suppression circuits.

Wille et al. teaches the use of ferrite core choke coils on a motor.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

The prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to teach the construction of a noise suppression system for a permanent-magnet motor as described on independent claims 1 and 6, comprising supply brushes connected to an external power supply and separately connected to a metal casing of the motor through at least one noise suppression capacitor, said metal casing connected to the vehicle's earth.

Dependent claims 2-5 and 7-11 considered allowable by their respective dependence on allowed independent claims 1 and 6.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

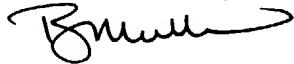
3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. See PTO-892.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pedro J. Cuevas whose telephone number is (703) 308-4904. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 8:30 - 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nestor R. Ramírez can be reached on (703) 308-1371. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9306 for regular communications and (703) 872-9306 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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